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Financial Assistance for NGOs
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) working in agricultural sector is getting financial assistance under the agricultural schemes in the country including Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State and NGO-wise;

(c) whether any NGOs have been found involved in irregularities in the country during the said period; and

(d) if so, the action taken against such NGOs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) & (b): Normally, assistance to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) associated with agriculture sector is not provided directly by the Government of India. The States are free to provide such assistance under some schemes and programmes. However, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has sanctioned 101 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) under the administrative control of NGOs in the country including 5 KVKs in the state of Jharkhand. Therefore, funds have been provided to these NGOs for implementing the KVKs activities. The funds were provided to NGOs for KVK activities and not for NGOs activities. The State-wise and NGO-wise details of financial assistance provided for KVKs activities for the last 3 years are given in Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): As far as irregularities in the functioning of KVKs under Administrative control of NGOs are concerned, complaints were received in KVK Thanjvaur and KVK Tirunelveli of Tamilnadu related to construction and unauthorized use of buildings, appointment of staff, payment of salary to employees and diversion of funds. For this purpose a committee was constituted for investigating the issue. As per report of the committee, details of inadmissible expenditure incurred by the host organizations of KVK Thanjvaur and Tirunelveli have been received. In the mean time the host organizations of KVKs Thanjvaur as well as Tirunelveli, Tamilnadu have moved the Court and the matter is sub-judice.
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